

In The Claims

Please cancel claims 22-29 and 32 without a disclaimer or prejudice thereto.

Please amend claims 18, 30 and 33, as indicated in the APPENDIX A attached hereafter.

The entire pending claims, including the “clean” version of the amended claims, are provided in the APPENDIX B attached hereafter.

Please add new claim 35, as shown in the APPENDIX A.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2003, claims 22-29 and 32 have been cancelled, claims 18, 30 and 33 have been amended, and claim 35 has been newly added. Claims 18, 30, 31 and 33-35 are now active in this application, of which claims 18 and 30 are independent.

Based on the above Amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the outstanding objections and rejections and they be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103

In the Office Action, claims 18 and 22-34 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for being unpatentable over U. S. Patent No. 5,259,881 issued to Edwards, *et al.* (“Edwards”) in view of U. S. Patent No. 5,198,694 issued to Kwansnick, *et al.* (“kwasnick”). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In this response, claims 22-29 and 32 have been cancelled and independent claims 18 and 30 have been amended. Amended independent claim 18 recites “An apparatus for depositing a